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LOCAL PAPERS GIVE MULTIPAGE PLAY TO KISSINGER VISIT, WITH PHOTO COVERAGE OF HIS VISIT YESTERDAY TO THE NATIONAL THEATRE, BINATIONAL CENTER AND FOREIGN MINISTRY. LEADING LA NACION HEADLINES "KISSINGER TO CASTRO: WE ARE NOT GOING TO TOLERATE INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY". ARTICLE QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM KISSINGER TOAST AT CARIARI CLUB FEB. 24. PAPER ALSO BANNERS ON INSIDE PAGES "CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WORRISOME". ALSO IN SAME ARTICLE IS QUOTE FROM FON MIN FACIO: CUBA DOES NOT RESPECT THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION".

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING EXCELSIOR BANNERS "U.S. PROMISES TO NEGOTIATE DIFFERENCES ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY, AND MAINTAIN MUTUAL SECURITY, KISSINGER SAID ON LEAVING". PAPER GIVES WIDE COVERAGE OF YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES AND SPEECHES. PAGE TWO BOX TITLED "DEPUTY PIZA PROTESTS AGAINST AGENTS OF THE U.S.", CARRIES LETTER OPPOSITION DEPUTY RODOLFO PIZA IN WHICH THE CONGRESSMAN BITTERLY COMPLAINS ABOUT TOUGH SECURITY MEASURES AND AGAINST "THE SHAMEFUL PRESENCE OF AN ARMY OF AMERICAN SECURITY

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AGENTS INVESTED WITH AUTHORITY NEVER EVEN POSSESSED BY

PUBLIC SECURITY AGENTS IN THIS COUNTRY". PIZA CONTINUES
"I AM DEEPLY SORRY THAT THE CONVENIENT AND HONORABLE
ARRIVAL OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN INTERNATIONAL
POLICY AS DR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN CLOUDED BY SUCH AN OUT-
POURING OF SERVILITY AND NONSENSE".
INDEPENDENT LA REPUBLICA HEADLINES "KISSINGER SAID GOODBY.
I HAVE DISCOVERED THE MORAL FORCE OF LATIN AMERICA" AND
ALSO FEATURES SECURITY MEASURES WITH FRONT PAGE PHOTO OF
KISSINGER SURROUNDED WITH GUARDS, LEAVING THE NATIONAL
THEATRE. CAPTION READS "SWALLOWED UP BY SECURITY AGENTS,
NATIVE AND FROM THE U.S., MINISTER FACIO AND KISSINGER
CAN HARDLY BE SEEN AS THEY LEAVE THE NATIONAL THEATRE
YESTERDAY. THE BODYGUARDS, INVESTED WITH AUTHORITY
WITHOUT LIMIT, WOULD NOT LET THE COSTA RICAN PUBLIC GET
NEAR KISSINGER". PAPER COVERS ALL EVENTS, BUT MENTION
SECURITY MEASURES NEGATIVELY IN VARIOUS OCCASIONS.
NO OTHER REACTION.
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